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May 23, 2000

The City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency at the hour of 8:39 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on the day above written.

Present:	Garry Bredefeld	Acting Council President
	Chris Mathys	Councilmember
	Henry Perea	Councilmember
	Sal Quintero	Councilmember
	Ken Steitz	Councilmember
	Dan Ronquillo	Councilmember
	Tom Boyajian	Council President

Jeff Reid, City Manager
Daniel Fitzpatrick, Executive Director
Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Attorney
Rebecca Klisch, City Clerk
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

(8:30 A.M.) JOINT MEETING WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

APPROVE AGENCY MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2000

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Mathys, duly carried, RESOLVED, the minutes of May 16, 2000, approved as submitted.

(“A”) CONTINUED HEARING TO CONSIDER FINANCING ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPLEMENTING EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE GAP, INC., INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT AND RELATED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY THE GAP, INC., ON 70.25 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHERLY OF AIRWAYS BOULEVARD EAST OF PEACH AVENUE IN THE AIRPORT AREA REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
(COUNCIL AND AGENCY ACTION)

1. JOINT RESOLUTION - APPROVING A REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION AGREEMENT AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY OF FRESNO
2. JOINT RESOLUTION - APPROVING A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DDA) BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE GAP, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDING PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33433
3. JOINT RESOLUTION - APPROVING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY OF FRESNO RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF A STORM DRAINAGE BASIN AND INSTALLATION OF RELATED OFF-SITE STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND OFFICE FACILITY, AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445

Chair Ronquillo announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing.

Agency Director Fitzpatrick advised issues had come up which needed to be worked through and requested the hearing be continued one week. Councilmember Mathys advised he would not be in attendance next week and stated he was in support of the issue.

Speaking in opposition to the issue, to human rights violations by the Gap, and to actions taken by the police at a recent protest demonstration against the Gap at Fashion Fair Mall were: Mark Stout, 706 N. Fulton; Diane Scott, 4843 N. Thesta; Kenneth Garcia, 2546 E. Yeargin Dr.; and Araceli Solis, 1527 N. Van Ness #3.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and Chair Ronquillo closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Brief discussion ensued on the legality of the recent protest, policy relating to City contributions to businesses wanting to locate in the City and the need for that policy, and wages paid by the Gap. Councilmember Steitz made a motion to continue the hearing as requested stating it was a waste of time to have discussions when Council would not be taking action this date. President Boyajian commented briefly on the issue of human rights.

On motion of Councilmember Steitz, seconded by Chair Ronquillo, duly carried, RESOLVED, the hearing to consider financing alternatives to implement agreements with The Gap, Inc. continued to May 30, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Steitz, Ronquillo
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

(“B”) REQUEST FOR UPDATE REPORT ON THE REGIONAL MEDIAL CENTER - COUNCILMEMBER MATHYS

A brief update was given by Director Fitzpatrick who stated productive meetings had been held recently with issues resolved, advised escrow was anticipated to open and close within one week, noted one outstanding issue that was continuing to be worked out was responsibility for removing curbs and sidewalks, and responded to questions of Councilmember Mathys relative to deliverable parcels and environmental issues and expected date to break ground.

Speaking to the issue were: Rev. Walt Parry, Fresno Metro Ministries, Local Health Care Coalition, 1055 N. Van Ness, Ste. H, who submitted written recommendations of the Coalition relative to construction and completion of the project, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk; Luisa Medina, POB 15146, who commented on the need to keep the issue at the forefront for revitalization and health care; and Dr. Phillip Hinton, Community Medical Center, who commended staff, confirmed things were moving forward and explained, stated CMC was very committed to the project, displayed a site plan of the first phase, and responded to questions relative to project timelines, trauma unit building timelines, general contractor for the project, St. Agnes Hospitals' concerns regarding the heart hospital and any conflicts of interest, process to become a board member, and reason the heart hospital was moved north, with brief discussion ensuing on the heart hospital. There was no further discussion.

(“C”) DIRECT AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INITIATE WORK TO ISSUE A BOND FOR FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE UPTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA IN THE RANGE OF \$1 MILLION TO \$1.5 MILLION IN FY 2001 - CHAIR RONQUILLO

Briefly reviewed by Chair Ronquillo who requested Council’s support.

John Moffatt, Chair, Uptown Committee, spoke in support (2 - 0).

Brief discussion ensued on support for the request, support for the Uptown District, need to prioritize all projects in the works such as the Roeding Business Park and Regional Medical Center, funding sources for all projects, plans for the Fulton Mall with emphasis on the north end, and the funding allocated in FY 2000 to open the north end of the mall and what the money was used for.

On motion of Chair Ronquillo, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the Agency Executive Director directed to initiate work to issue a bond for funding implementation of public improvements to support the Uptown Redevelopment Project Area in the range of \$1 million to \$1.5 million in FY 2001, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Steitz, Ronquillo
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

APPEARANCE BY VALTA POINTER, 1738 W. SHAW, REQUESTING THE CITY DEMAND HIGHER WAGES BE PAID TO WORKERS BY COMPANIES LOCATING IN FRESNO

Appearance made; no action taken.

APPEARANCE BY MARK STOUT, 706 N. FULTON, RELATIVE TO AN EX-GAP SWEATSHOP WORKER WHO NOW SPEAKS ON LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Appearance made; no action taken.

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The joint bodies adjourned at 9:39 a.m. and the City Council convened in regular session at 9:40 a.m.

PASSING OF JEFFREY DWELLE, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

President Boyajian announced the sudden passing of Mr. Dwelle last Friday and extended sympathies to his family. Development Director Yovino advised a memorial service was scheduled for Friday and that a trust fund would be established with details forthcoming. President Boyajian called for, and a moment of silence was observed, in memory of Mr. Dwelle and for his contributions to the City.

Pastor Greg Gebhart, Grace Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation.

Councilmember Quintero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PROCLAMATION OF “CORNELIUS ‘DUTCH’ WARMERDAM DAY” - COUNCILMEMBER QUINTERO

DISTRICT 7 STUDENT OF THE QUARTER AWARDS - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

PROCLAMATION OF “WATER AWARENESS MONTH BUSINESS CUSTOMER RECOGNITION DAY - THE TRAVELODGE-KNIGHTS INN MOTEL”

PROCLAMATION OF WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF THE FRESNO ART MUSEUM DAY - PRESIDENT BOYAJIAN

The above proclamations and awards were read and presented. Councilmember Ronquillo left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and returned later.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION TO TENAYA MIDDLE SCHOOL’S VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINING THE FRESNO UNIFIED TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP - COUNCILMEMBER MATHYS

Removed from the agenda.

COMMENDATION/CONGRATULATIONS TO CITY ATTORNEY MONTROY’S SON ON HIS SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES - PRESIDENT BOYAJIAN

Commendation made.

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APPROVE AGENDA:

(10:30 A.M.) WORKSHOP ON TRANSIT ISSUES AND RELATED FEDERAL AIR QUALITY MANDATES - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

- 1.** REQUEST STAFF TO CONTINUE WITH THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL BUSES THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, OR
- 2.** REQUEST STAFF TO REVISE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPLICATION TO REFLECT THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS BUSES

City Clerk Klisch corrected the wording in the above Options 1 and 2 to read “*DIRECT* staff” instead of “*REQUEST* staff”. So noted and corrected.

(1A-12) APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO ARTS CENTER

Laid over to June 6, 2000.

(1A-14) RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (LLMD) NO. 1

City Clerk Klisch advised Page 1 of the staff report incorrectly listed the hearing being set for June 29th noting the correct date was June 27th as stated in the second resolution. So noted.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Councilmember Quintero, duly carried, RESOLVED, the **AGENDA** hereby approved as corrected, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Ronquillo

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ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Perea left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

(1A-1) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-154 - APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION FOR THE FUNDING CYCLE OF 1999-2000, AND IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT

(1A-2) * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-155 - 102ND AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$3,600 OF FIRST RESPONDER FEES COLLECTED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

(1A-3) * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-156 - 103RD AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$16,500 OBTAINED FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AS REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANT EXPENSES FOR EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AND FROM MADERA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

(1A-5) AWARD A CONTRACT TO 3T EQUIPMENT CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$427,257.27 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW COMBINATION SEWER VACUUM TRUCKS

(1A-6) DECLARING THE LIST OF EQUIPMENT CONTAINED IN THE STAFF REPORT AS SURPLUS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN CONFORMANCE WITH FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3-202

(1A-7) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO (1) EXECUTE THE REQUIRED PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AIP PROGRAM FOR THE TERMINAL AND CONCOURSE EXPANSION AND AIRSIDE/LANDSIDE PROJECTS FOR THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND (2) SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

(1A-8) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO (1) EXECUTE THE REQUIRED APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AIP PROGRAM FOR FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FAR PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM, AND (2) SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

(1A-9) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO (1) EXECUTE THE REQUIRED PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AIP PROGRAM FOR AIR CARGO TAXIWAYS, AIR CARGO APRONS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE FOR THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND (2) SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

(1A-10) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO (1) EXECUTE THE REQUIRED PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER AIP 3-06-0088-04 FOR AIRPORT BEACON REPLACEMENT, AIRCRAFT RAMP RECONSTRUCTION (DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION) AND AIRFIELD LIGHTING SYSTEM UPGRADE AT THE FRESNO-CHANDLER DOWNTOWN AIRPORT, AND (2) SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

(1A-11) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-157 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$50,000 TO REPLACE THE CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE PICNIC IMPROVEMENTS AT ROEDING PARK; AND APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS AGENT OF THE CITY FOR THE GRANT PROJECT

(1A-13) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-158 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN EASEMENT DOCUMENT GRANTING AN EASEMENT OVER CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO PG&E TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFORMER AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF N. MARKS SOUTH OF W. SAN JOSE AVENUE

(1A-15) APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLAIR, CHURCH AND FLYNN CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR INVESTIGATION AND PROJECT STUDY REPORT ON A NEW 66-INCH DIAMETER TRUNK SEWER ON NORTH AVENUE FROM MAPLE TO FRUIT AVENUES; AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

(1A-16) DECLARING IT A MINOR IRREGULARITY THAT STAN PHILLIPS CONCRETE DID NOT PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WITH THEIR BID SINCE THEY SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED WORK FOR SEVERAL INFORMAL CITY BIDS UNDER \$30,000; AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO STAN PHILLIPS CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,134.75 FOR THE BASE BID AND BOTH ADD-ALTERNATES FOR CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 (W. TERRACE, N. COLLEGE AND N. POPLAR)

(1A-17) APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT FOR "FISHING IN THE CITY" PARTNERSHIP (ESTABLISHING AN URBAN FISHING AND AQUATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AT CITY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES)

(1A-18) APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE 21ST DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE SHARED USE OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER MAPLE AND BUTLER AVENUES FOR USE AS A SOCCER COMPLEX AND AUXILIARY PARKING LOT

On motion of Councilmember Quintero, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, the above entitled **CONSENT CALENDAR** hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Bredefeld, Mathys, Quintero, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes : None
Absent : Perea, Ronquillo

(1A-14) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-159 - INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (LLMD) NO. 1 AND APPROVING THE CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

a. * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-160 - INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, AND SETTING A HEARING FOR JUNE 27, 2000, AT 10:00 A.M.

On motion of Councilmember Quintero, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, the above entitled **CONSENT CALENDAR** hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Bredefeld, Quintero, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes : Mathys
Absent : Perea, Ronquillo

Acting President Bredefeld briefly left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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(9:15 A.M.) APPEARANCE BY WARREN ZIMMERLY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY

Appearance made **(3 - 0)**. No action taken.

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(9:30 A.M.) HEARING ON PLAN AMENDMENT NO. A-00-01, R-00-03, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. A-00-01/R-00-03/S-00-48, FILED BY DAVID K. RUSCHHAUPT, PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EASTSIDE OF S. CHESTNUT NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE E. BYRD AVENUE ALIGNMENT

- 1. CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. A-00-01/R-00-03/S-00-48**
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-161 - AMENDING THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY**
- 3. BILL NO. B-36 - ORDINANCE NO. 2000-38 - AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP TO REZONE FROM AE-5/UGM AND T-P/UGM TO M-1/UGM**

President Boyajian announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing. Planner Johnson reviewed the staff report as submitted. A motion and second was made to approve staff’s recommendation.

Upon call, no one wished to be heard and President Boyajian closed the hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Quintero, seconded by Councilmember Mathys, duly carried, RESOLVED, the finding of a Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. A-00-01, R-00-03 and S-00-48 dated 4/7/00, hereby approved; and the above entitled Resolution No. 2000-161 adopted and the above entitled Bill No. B-36 rezoning the site adopted as Ordinance No. 2000-38 subject to the conditions contained in the staff report to be implemented at the time of approval of related Site Plan Review Application No. S-00-48, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Mathys, Quintero, Steitz, Boyajian
noes	:	None
Absent	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo

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(9:45 A.M.) HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TEXT AMENDMENT NO. TA-00-01 RELATING TO FENCING IN THE FRONT YARD AND SETBACK AREAS

1. * BILL NO. B-34 - ORDINANCE NO. 2000-39 - APPROVING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. TA-00-01 AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, RELATED TO FENCING IN THE FRONT YARD AND SETBACK AREAS

President Boyajian announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing. Councilmember Mathys made a motion to adopt the ordinance, which motion was acted upon after discussion. Acting President Bredefeld returned to the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Michael Clifton, 921 N. San Pablo, requested the ordinance prohibit chain link fences.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and President Boyajian closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

City Attorney Montoy, Planning Manager Beach, an unidentified Fire Department representative and Development Director Yovino responded to questions of President Boyajian and Acting President Bredefeld relative to whether the variance process would be affected, reason for the increase to 4-foot fences and resulting unsightly different fence sizes. Councilmember Ronquillo returned to the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Discussion continued and questions were answered relative to the Fire Department's opinion on 4-foot fences and if staff was concerned with aesthetics. Acting President Bredefeld spoke in opposition to the 4-foot fences citing aesthetic problems adding additional thought was needed. Councilmember Mathys stated spoke in support stating neighborhoods worked hard and wanted higher fences for safety reasons and reiterated his motion on the floor which was then seconded by Councilmember Steitz. Councilmember Perea returned to the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Brief discussion ensued with Mr. Beach responding to questions of Councilmember Ronquillo relative to affect on commercial areas and grandfathering existing fences.

On motion of Councilmember Mathys, seconded by Councilmember Steitz, duly carried, RESOLVED, the negative declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. TA-00-01 hereby adopted; and the above entitled Bill No. B-34 approving Text Amendment No. TA-00-01 with the exception of deleting the last sentence of Subsection 12-306-H-2-a(3) that reads: "This fence may be increased to a maximum height of six (6) feet, subject to the approval of a conditional use permit" adopted as Ordinance No. 2000-39, by the following vote:

Ayes : Mathys, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes : Bredefeld, Perea
Absent : None

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(10:00 A.M.) APPEARANCE BY OWNER AND MANAGER OF THE FRESNO FALCONS TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

1. APPROVE DEAL POINTS FOR NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE HOCKEY LEAGUE AND DIRECTION TO NEGOTIATE A LICENSE WITH THE HOCKEY LEAGUE - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

Reviewed by Councilmember Perea who stated based on information received the new ownership was serious about making the franchise successful in the city, noted the Falcons were asking for a lease that would help them become successful in the first year or two, advised of and requested support for three major deal points relative to lease payments, future advertising terms, and game dates, and made a motion to approve the deal points and direct staff to return on June 6th with an agreement based on those deal points, which motion was seconded and acted upon after discussion.

Bill Davidson, CEO, National Sports Services, advised he was retained by the new owner to manage the team, referenced a document distributed to Council containing their lease proposal and information on the new ownership and management, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, and reviewed what they would be requesting and what they planned to do for the community.

Convention Center Director Valdez and Economic Development Coordinator Webster spoke to the fiscal issue and subsidizing the Falcons stating the City could not continue to do that and explained, and expressed concerns with other portions of the Falcons' proposal including advertising rights and bringing in other professional teams. City Manager Reid commented on the dates the Falcons were requesting and advised of important dates and concerts the City lost due to hockey.

Councilmember Ronquillo commented on the lack of evening entertainment downtown and noted the City had invested a lot in hockey in the past and should not turn away at this point. Mr. Reid, Mr. Valdez and Mr. Webster responded to questions of Councilmember Mathys and Acting President Bredefeld relative to net loss to taxpayers the past season, time needed to negotiate a lease, convention center debt, and exclusive advertising. Acting President Bredefeld welcomed and thanked new Falcons owner Charles Davenport for purchasing the team, stated there was no reason why a deal could not be worked out, and requested Councilmembers Perea and Ronquillo participate in final negotiations, with the Councilmembers consenting to the request.

Upon question of Councilmember Steitz, Councilmember Perea clarified the motion and deal points. Councilmember Steitz stated he would not support the motion without knowing the fiscal impact, **(4 - 0)** and stated if the City was going to continue to subsidize the Falcons a specific amount should be laid out and parameters given to staff

Discussion ensued the need for staff direction, staff's concern with locking in dates, the proposal presented by the Falcons, known conflicting dates, issuing bonds for Selland Arena remodeling and other financing options, time needed to negotiate an agreement (with City Attorney Montoy requesting three weeks), the need to negotiate, other events that were subsidized, and need for downtown entertainment. President Boyajian commended Mr. Davenport for purchasing the Falcons and referencing his investment in the community pointed out no one subsidized him.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Councilmember Ronquillo, duly carried, RESOLVED, the following deal points: (1) rent (\$130,000 monthly the first year, \$150,000 the second and third years), (2) no new advertising exclusivity in Selland Arena without approval of the team, and (3) 26 Friday and Saturday playing dates for the regular season and two weekends immediately after the regular season for playoff games hereby approved for negotiation; staff directed to negotiate a License Agreement with the Hockey League and report back in three weeks, and Councilmembers Perea and Ronquillo designated to participate in final negotiations, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	Quintero, Steitz
Absent	:	None

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(11:00 A.M. #1) APPEARANCE BY McCARDEL SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL REDUCE GARBAGE AND INCREASE RECYCLING

Appearance made including a video presentation.

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(10:15 A.M.) PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ON HIGHWAY 99 BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

A presentation on the components and highlights of the draft plan was made by Dan Zack, Planning Coordinator, Council of Governments (COG), who advised the plan was already moving forward with two major projects and explained. City Manager Reid expanded further on the one recommendation to have COG staff work on project implementations. Brief discussion ensued on forming a non-profit, the need to revisit the issue of a Highway 99 theme, and timeline for action on the plan and projects, with Mr. Zack responding to questions. There was no further discussion.

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(10:30 A.M.) WORKSHOP ON TRANSIT ISSUES AND RELATED FEDERAL AIR QUALITY MANDATE - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

- 1. DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE WITH THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL BUSES THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, *OR***
- 2. DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPLICATION TO REFLECT THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS BUSES**

Briefly reviewed by Councilmember Perea who noted there would be an action item at the end of the proceedings to go with either diesel or non-diesel fuel, requested clarification on whether a decision had been made to purchase just the buses or whether they would be diesel or non-diesel buses (with Transit Manager Rudd stating the application was based on using advanced diesel technology), and relative to air quality stated it was time to make major policy shifts to move toward healthier and cleaner air and go with an alternative fuel and explained.

Speaking in support and on to the advantages of alternative fuel were: Robert Dowl, Director of Planning, SJVAPCD; and Roberta Hughan, California Air Resources Board (CARB), Sacramento, CA **(5 - 0)**.

Proceedings were briefly interrupted and discussion ensued on the number of items scheduled and yet to be heard, whereupon it was determined to hear the **11:10 a.m.** after the workshop, break for lunch, and reconvene at 2:00 p.m. to continue with the rest of the agenda.

Proceedings continued on the **10:30 a.m.** item. Continued speakers were: Mark Stout, 706 N. Fulton, San Joaquin Valley Regional Coordinator for the Green Party of California who spoke to the need for adequate funding for public transportation; and Gregory Vlasek, Executive Director, California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, 1029 K St. #45, Sacramento, CA, Peter Ward, Energy Commission, 516 Ninth St., Sacramento, and Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transportation Agency, 2100 Tulare #619, all in support alternative fuel.

At this point proceedings were interrupted to hear the **11:10 a.m.** item.

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(11:10 A.M.) DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO MAINTAIN PARK AT DIVISADERO AND BROADWAY ACCORDING TO COUNCIL DIRECTION - COUNCILMEMBER RONQUILLO

Briefly reviewed by Councilmember Ronquillo, who along with owners of Sam’s Party Rentals, Dan and Bob Boyajian, advised of problems with the homeless and derelicts who loiter next to their business and requested staff remove the grass that was just planted this year and revert to the prior landscaping of dirt and thorn bushes under the trees. A motion and second was made to direct staff to revert to the prior landscaping.

Councilmember Steitz expressed concern with the request to remove the grass stating the City was trying to beautify the community, questioned if there were other options, and emphasized the real problem was people loitering and that needed to be resolved. Brief discussion ensued on removal of the grass, lack of communication on the issue, the need to be sensitive to the long time business, need for Council to adopt maintenance standards, and reverting back to shrubs.

On motion of Councilmember Ronquillo, seconded by Councilmember Mathys, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, staff directed to remove the grass and revert to the prior landscaping of dirt and thorn bushes under trees at the Divisadero/Broadway park next to Sam’s Party Rentals to discourage transients, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	Steitz
Absent	:	None

Upon question of Mr. Reid, City Attorney Montoy ruled the action taken was legislative and subject to the Mayor’s veto.

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(10:30 A.M.) CONTINUATION OF PROCEEDINGS - WORKSHOP ON TRANSIT ISSUES AND RELATED FEDERAL AIR QUALITY MANDATE - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

Continuing to speak to the issue were: Linda Urata, 4300 Stire Rd. #300, Bakersfield, CA, support for alternative fuels; and Rick Steitz, ATU President and Business Agent, who commented on the reliability/maintenance of diesel versus CNG powered buses.

Transit Manager Rudd commented on CARB emission standards and improved technologies, stated the City could achieve the goal of improved air quality without having to commit millions of dollars to alternatives fuels, stressed mandating a specific fuel requirement was not a strategy adopted by the CARB noting they created two optional paths, and urged Council to give direction in regards to obtaining an emission standard but not specify a fuel to meet that standard.

(6 - 0) Discussion ensued on whether to continue with the item and hear the **11:15 a.m.** next, whereupon a motion was made to table the subject workshop to 2:00 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the **10:30 a.m.** workshop tabled to 2:00 p.m. by Council consensus.

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LUNCH RECESS - 12:36 P.M. - 2:17 P.M. Councilmembers Ronquillo and Steitz arrived later.

(3A) STATUS REPORT AND DIRECTION ON THE NORTHEAST POLICE SUBSTATION

Development Director Yovino requested the matter be laid over one week.. Discussion ensued on impact of delaying the matter to June 6th. Councilmember Mathys stated he would not be present on May 30th and he was hoping to participate in the discussion. By Council consensus, the above entitled item **3A** was laid over to May 30th.

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(1A-4) REJECT ALL BIDS FOR FIVE (5) NEW ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS

An unidentified representative of the Police Department responded to questions of Acting President Bredefeld relative to what the department used the golf carts for.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, all bids received for five (5) electric golf carts hereby rejected because the bids exceeded the available grant funds, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Ronquillo, Steitz

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(10:30 A.M.) CONTINUED FROM EARLIER - WORKSHOP ON TRANSIT ISSUES AND RELATED FEDERAL AIR QUALITY MANDATE - COUNCILMEMBER PEREA

- 1. DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE WITH THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL BUSES THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, OR**
- 2. DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPLICATION TO REFLECT THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS BUSES**

Councilmember Steitz arrived at 2:23 p.m. City Manager Reid read a press release issued by the Harvard School of Public Health relative to a study on diesel or natural gas. Transit Manager Rudd responded to questions of Mr. Reid relative to whether new technology diesel buses would improve air quality, if the clean diesel buses staff was seeking to purchase would provide better air quality benefits, if diesel buses were more cost effective, if the new buses would provide bus patrons with improved services, if the buses being purchased would meet CARB requirements relative to fleet standards, necessary infrastructure, and staff's concern with air quality. Mr. Reid stated diesel had advantages over natural gas, pointed out funding approved to purchase the buses would be in jeopardy if changes were made, and cautioned Council about rushing into judgment. Mr. Rudd clarified various issues relative to the CMAQ applications, funding and other projects.

Councilmember Perea stated he respected staff's opinion, noted CARB was offering two fuel paths, stated he supporting changing direction to natural gas as there was nothing precluding the City from doing that, and made a motion to approve Option #2 as outlined above for all 20 buses, which was seconded and later acted upon.

Extensive discussion ensued on the CMAQ and scoring processes, impact if the project were withdrawn, potential for jeopardizing funding, what the scoring committee evaluated, what staff was looking for in purchasing the new buses, emission standards, what other cities were moving towards, why natural gas was being advocated this date, potential problems with and advantages of natural gas, ATU's position on the fuels, natural gas being premature, probability of the City losing funding, advantages of natural gas at this time, CARB mandates, carcinogens produced by diesel, **(7 - 0)** other cities moving to natural gas, the valley being one of the worst air quality areas, number of buses on order, possibility of purchasing 10 natural gas and 10 diesel buses, lack of infrastructure and lack of dollars for needed infrastructure, and inability of Council to establish policy this date and City Manager having final authority, with staff and various speakers responding to Council's questions and concerns. Councilmember Perea concluded emphasizing a diesel path needed to be designated by 2001 and that Council would be making that designation by approving his direction.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, staff directed to revise the Council of Governments application to reflect the purchase of natural gas buses, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	Mathys, Quintero, Steitz
Absent	:	None

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(11:00 A.M. #2) AWARD CONTRACT FOR FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL/ CONCOURSE EXPANSION PROJECT

Purchasing Manager Taggart reviewed the issue and the appeal filed by Mauldin-Dorfmeier (M-D) relative to whether the bid submitted by Soltek Pacific (Soltek) was filed timely, advised the Hearing Officer found Soltek to be a responsive and responsible bidder, and recommended Council find Soltek responsive and award the contract to them.

City Attorney Montoy clarified the charter section relative to awarding contracts to the lowest bidder and issues relative to the appeal hearing and the judge's decision.

Dave Golia, 3900 Harvey St., San Diego, CA, representing Soltek, stated their bid was filed timely and explained, and urged Council to approve staff’s recommendation.

Val Saldana, representing M-D, 5400 N. Palm, Alan Dorfmeier, 559 E. Holland Circle, and Tom Walls, 1551 N. Valentine, (8 - 0) all spoke in support of M-D as the lowest bidder and awarding the contract to them.

Councilmember Mathys stated a clock with seconds was necessary when dealing with multi-million dollar projects, requested staff purchase such a clock, and questioned if Council received a list of the subcontractors that would be used for the project. Ms. Montoy clarified at issue was Council determining whether Soltek was a responsive and responsible bidder as found by the Hearing Officer and advised local preference was applied. Councilmember Mathys stated Soltek filed their bid late and made a motion to award the contract to M-D. Ms. Montoy clarified Option 2 in the staff report would be the appropriate motion as staff would need to determine who the next responsive and responsible bidder was. Mr. Saldana responded to questions of Acting President Bredefeld relative to why they felt Soltek had an advantage over M-D by filing their bid 15 minutes later. Acting President Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued on the language relative to time to file and open bids, lack of consistency with the language in code sections and bid specifications, the need to revisit the local preference issue, and staff following existing policy, with Mr. Reid, Mr. Golia, and Administrative Services Director Souza clarifying issues and responding to Council questions and concerns. Mr. Reid recommended a finding be made and language be changed to deem bids filed at 3:00 p.m. as late and explained.

On motion of Councilmember Mathys, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the Hearing Officer’s decision hereby rejected, a finding is made that Soltek is a non-responsive bidder for the FYI Terminal/Concourse Expansion Project, and the matter referred back to staff for a determination of the next responsive and responsible bidder, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

Ms. Montoy advised adopting the finding would ensure Council’s decision would have greater weight with the courts if needed.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Quintero, duly carried, RESOLVED, the finding of Charter and Fresno Municipal Code language stating all bids shall be submitted and filed with the Officer in charge of the Purchasing function “no later than the opening time specified in the Notice Inviting Bids” *means bids must be opened at that time* hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

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(11:15 A.M.) * RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TAXABLE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, REFUNDING SERIES A, B, C AND D OF 2000 (AUCTION RATE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE, ONE OR MORE CONTACTS OF PURCHASE, A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Assistant Controller Carlton reviewed the staff report as submitted and recommended Council approve the issuance and adopt the resolution.

Councilmember Perea stated he was not ready to make a decision this date and expressed his concerns stating three past budgets had been balanced off reserves and he questioned whether this matter made economic sense **(9 - 0)**.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Carlton and Administrative Services Director Souza responding to questions and/or concerns of Councilmember Perea, Acting President Bredefeld and Councilmember Steitz relative to cost for the subject transaction, anticipated savings, if the FY 2001 budget would have a shortfall if the refinancing did not occur, probability of rates increasing, the financing structure, and if bonds were are at a fixed rate at this time. Councilmember Steitz spoke in support of the resolution noting this would allow for better budgeting and planning for the future Mayor, and made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. Acting President Bredefeld briefly left the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Souza responded to questions of Councilmember Ronquillo relative to terms, total cost for fees, ceiling on variable rates, and alternatives to balance the budget.

Proceedings were briefly interrupted with President Boyajian advising Councilmember Quintero’s items would be heard at this time as he had a prior commitment and would be leaving shortly. Councilmember Mathys briefly left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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(5A) * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-162 - 105TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$1,000 OF DISTRICT 5'S GENERAL FUND INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET TO FUND THE VETERANS' CRISIS PROGRAM'S STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS EVENT - COUNCILMEMBER QUINTERO

On motion of Councilmember Quintero, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2000-162 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Bredefeld, Mathys

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(5B) DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT WITH BFI BY HAVING THE CITY CONTINUE BILLING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CALWA WATER DISTRICT AND BFI WILL CONTINUE SERVICING THE AREA UNTIL THE CONTRACT EXPIRES; MAKE CHANGES TO BOUNDARIES WHEN THE CONTRACT IS EITHER RE-NEGOTIATED OR A NEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) IS ISSUED - COUNCILMEMBER QUINTERO

Acting President Bredefeld returned to the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Councilmember Quintero briefly reviewed the issue, and Mark Scozzari, representing BFI, reviewed the background and requested Council fulfill the original agreement of the past seven years and continue the agreement for the next six months.

City Manager Reid stated the area in question was in the county, advised the City Attorney’s office was looking into the matter, and clarified all the City was doing was advising residents in Calwa and BFI that the City would no longer limit their options for service and take a financial risk on whether county residents would pay their bills to BFI and explained.

On motion of Councilmember Quintero, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, (1) the City Manager directed to complete the agreement with BFI by having the City continue billing the residents of the Calwa Water District with BFI to continue servicing the area until the contract expires; and (2) changes to the boundaries to be made when the contract is either re-negotiated or a new Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys

Mr. Reid stated there was a possibility he would not be able to carry out the direction and he would await legal advice from the City Attorney.

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(11:15 A.M.) * CONTINUED FROM EARLIER - RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TAXABLE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, REFUNDING SERIES A, B, C AND D OF 2000 (AUCTION RATE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE, ONE OR MORE CONTACTS OF PURCHASE, A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Proceedings continued with Administrative Services Director Souza explaining the window of opportunity that opened up with new interest rates; City Manager Reid refuted earlier comments that the Mayor was proposing this transaction for short-term benefits stating the transaction made economic sense overall and explained; and Mr. Souza clarified and responded to additional questions of Acting President Bredefeld relative to the borrowing rate, the \$10 million savings, and increase in interest rates. Councilmember Quintero left at 5:05 p.m. and was absent for the remainder of the meeting. Brief discussion ensued on continuing the matter to closer to budget adoption.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Ronquillo, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution continued to May 30th in conjunction with the FY 2001 budget, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	Steitz
Absent	:	Mathys, Quintero

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(5C) * RESOLUTION - 106TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$100 OF DISTRICT 2'S GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUPPORT BUDGET TO FUND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS' (AARP) ANNUAL TRIP THE CHAFFEE ZOO ON JUNE 10, 2000 - COUNCILMEMBER MATHYS

(5D) * RESOLUTION - 107TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$5,100 OF DISTRICT 3'S GENERAL FUND INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET TO FUND THE AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROGRAMS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - COUNCILMEMBER RONQUILLO

The above entitled Resolutions were adopted on a vote of 4-0-3 with Councilmembers Mathys, Quintero and Steitz absent. Deliberation began on **Item 5E** when City Clerk Klisch advised five affirmative votes were necessary to adopt the appropriation resolutions whereupon the resolutions were laid over one week for a full Council.

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(5E) REVIEW STAFF REPORT AND REQUEST CITY MANAGER TO CLASSIFY AN ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITION FOR EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICE AS A PERMANENT CITY EMPLOYEE - PRESIDENT BOYAJIAN AND ACTING PRESIDENT BREDEFELD

Briefly reviewed by Acting President Bredefeld who cited the need for a second Council Assistant position, and made a motion to approve the request. City Manager Reid stated he would provide a memo to Council outlining strategies to accomplish the request adding there would be pros and cons and explained.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, the City Manager requested to classify an additional staff position for each council district office as a permanent City employee, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys, Quintero, Steitz

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(5F) DETERMINING WHETHER TO SET A COUNCIL HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. C-00-31 FILED BY DANIEL BOND ON BEHALF OF SAINT AGNES MEDICAL CENTER, PROPERTY LOCATED 1303 E. HERNDON AVENUE - ACTING PRESIDENT BREDEFELD

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by President Boyajian, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, a hearing to consider the Planning Commission's issuance of CUP No. C-00-31 filed by Daniel Bond on behalf of Saint Agnes Medical Center, hereby set for June 13, 2000, at 5:00 p.m., by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys, Quintero, Steitz

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CONTRACTS - PRESIDENT BOYAJIAN

Briefly reviewed by President Boyajian with City Manager Reid stating the information would be provided adding it was not confidential.

On motion of President Boyajian, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the City Manager requested to provide a complete list of all pending labor contracts, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys, Quintero, Steitz

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(2:00 P.M.) CONTINUED HEARING ON FY 2001 CITY OF FRESNO BUDGET

CONVENTION CENTER

Convention Center Director Valdez played a video of the millennium celebration (**10 - 0**) and gave an overview of his departments' budget and highlights.

Lloyd Kennedy, Executive Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), requested additional funding for the CVB. Councilmember Steitz returned to the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Continued speakers in support of additional funding for the (CVB) were: Art Drolette, President Emeritus, Fresno Dixieland Society, 5504 E. Gettysburg; Bob Burns, President-Elect, Fresno Hotel-Motel Association, 1092 E. Decatur; and Dave Houck, Director, Gay-Lesbian Film Festival, 2130 W. Alluvial.

Mr. Valdez and Mr. Kennedy responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea, Ronquillo and President Boyajian relative to negotiations for indoor football and if retrofitting Selland Arena would be necessary, total department budget and percentage from room taxes, amount allocated to the CVB, special events funded by the CVB, County allocation to the CVB, investing more dollars into the tourist industry, Water Tower ribbon-cutting, if the CVB loses money on special events, and expected conventions and bookings. Councilmember Ronquillo stated he would meet with Mr. Kennedy relative to increasing the CVB's funding. There was no further discussion.

(2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.) CONTINUED BUDGET HEARINGS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

By Council consensus, the scheduled budget hearings on Public Utilities, City Attorney, and Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization departments laid over one week to May 30th.

(5:00 P.M.) HEARING ON CITY OF FRESNO FY 2001 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM FUNDS

President Boyajian announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing. HNR Management Analyst Huesby gave an overview of the Annual Action Plan, how the funding would be distributed, and the hearing process.

Speaking to the issue and/or requesting additional CDBG funds for housing needs and/or requesting Council reconsider/override the Mayor’s recommendations and follow those of the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) were: Tim Reese, Marjaree Mason Center (MMC), 1600 M Street; Missie Rhinehart, MMC Residential Director, 2906 N. Adoline; Charlotte Lawrence, 745 N. Thorne, funding for MMC; Ingela Richardson, MMC, 1600 M Street; Lisa Abbattista, MMC, 1600 M Street (**11 - 0**); Vivian St. Louis, MMC Development Services Manager; Lois Everitt-Krause, MMC; Luisa Median, Chair, HCDC; Saji Oommen, 1548 L Street; Richard Stone, 181 N. Yosemite, Lowell-Jefferson Consortium; Michael Lust, 2618 E. Grant, Lowell-Jefferson Consortium; Myser Keels, 1060 Jones Street; Bob Dittmar, 1401 Divisadero, Fresno Urban Neighborhood Development Corp.; Jacqueline Williams, Director of Housing, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of the Central Valley, 4940 E. Kings Canyon; George Finley, Chair, Fair Housing Council, 252 E. Hawes; Gary Goodwin, Fresno Housing Council Board of Directors, 1920 Sussex #113; Steven Elberg, Acting Director, Fair Housing Council, 475 W. Sierra #135; and Sandra Brock, FCEA Section VII Director.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and President Boyajian closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Ronquillo commented on the need to stretch the federal dollars as much as possible to accomplish th City’s needs, and advised the Mayor’s budget was a proposed budget with final determinations resting with Council (**12 - 0**). HNR Manager Bowness and Mr. Reese responded to questions of Councilmember Steitz relative to whether the Action Plan met all legalities, if there was public input in the process, number of meetings and hearings held, if Council was obligated to follow the HCDC’s recommendations, if the Marjaree Mason Center received funding from the County, and possibility of obtaining Proposition 10 funds for the center. President Boyajian stated he was sensitive to all concerns expressed, emphasized the money was for the people, and commented on returning money to the inner-city where it was needed.

There was no further discussion and the hearing was continued to May 30th at 9:00 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the hour of 7:10 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Boyajian declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on the 6th day of June, 2000.

Tom Boyajian, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk